

Anaconda Historic District
Butte, Anaconda, and Pacific Railway:
General Offices
300 West Commercial Avenue
Anaconda
Deer Lodge County
Montana

HABS No. MT-53-P

HABS
MONT,
12-ANAC,
1-P-

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
PHOTOGRAPHS

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C 20240

HABS
MONT
12-ANAC,
1-P-

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

ANACONDA HISTORIC DISTRICT
BUTTE, ANACONDA, AND PACIFIC RAILWAY: GENERAL OFFICES
MT-53-P

Date: 1898

Location: 300 West Commercial Avenue

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Significance: The General Offices of the B,A & P Railway formerly served as the passenger depot and dispatchers office for this rail operation. Built in 1898, the two-story brick structure has rusticated granite window lintels and sills with a continuous granite belt at the top and bottom of the second-story windows. The windows also feature overhead semicircular arch transoms. Dentilled and corbelled brickwork appears along the roofline at each building facade. The east end of the building has rounded corners, while a rectangular wing extends from the west end.

The B,A & P was incorporated October 1, 1892, began hauling copper ore from the mines at Butte to smelter at Anaconda by the close of 1893. The line also provided passenger service to Anacondans from this building location since the time of its construction until April 1955.

Originally steam-powered, the B,A & P Railway was, by 1916, the first fully electrified railroad in the United States. In the 1960s, diesel locomotives entirely replaced the electric models. The railroad is currently dispatched from the east end of the city at the base of the Anaconda Reduction Works site. Its main line cargo includes copper concentrates and precipitates transported from Butte's Weed Concentrator to the Anaconda Smelter (see HAER No. MT-37). Lime rock and sulphuric acid are also moved from the smelter to regional customers by way of main-line interchanges with the Milwaukee Road and the Burlington Northern Railroad.

Transmitted by: Monica E. Hawley, Historian, 1984

ADDENDUM TO
ANACONDA HISTORIC DISTRICT
BUTTE, ANACONDA & PACIFIC RAILWAY:
GENERAL OFFICES
300 West Commercial Avenue
Anaconda
Deer Lodge County
Montana

HABS No. MT-53-P

HABS
MONT
12-ANAC,
1P-

XEROGRAPHIC COPIES OF COLOR TRANSPARENCIES

~~HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING~~ BUILDINGS SURVEY
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127